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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 21, 1977

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The Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

On January 18, the Committee on Foreign Relations received an excellent briefing from your predecessor, Mr. George Bush, on Soviet military capabilities and intentions. The briefing was particularly useful since the Committee was beginning a series of hearings on the national security and arms control implications of current United States strategic options. The hearings were completed on March 16 at a session held by the Subcommittee on Arms Control, Oceans and International Environment.

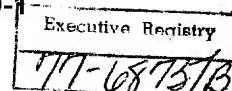
It would be very valuable if as much as possible of the Agency briefing on January 18 could be published with the other hearings. Accordingly, I am requesting that the Agency take steps as soon as possible to sanitize the hearing on the 18th.

Sincerely,

*John Sparkman*  
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Chairman



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter requesting that the Agency sanitize for publication the transcript of the 18 January appearance before the Committee by former Director George Bush on the subject of Soviet strategic forces.

My staff has been in touch with Mr. Bill Ashworth, of the Committee staff, in an attempt to sanitize the transcript in such a way that the material would remain meaningful. Unfortunately, the transcript is so replete with sensitive information that the sanitization would render the transcript both meaningless and incomprehensible. This has been conveyed to Mr. Ashworth who has agreed with this position.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are in receipt of your letter dated 21 March 1977 requesting that we review the transcript of the 18 January 1977 briefing before your Committee on Soviet military capabilities for sanitization. The appropriate offices within the Agency are reviewing this matter and we will forward our suggestions as soon as that review has been completed.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

George L. Cary  
Legislative Counsel

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